

Nov 18, 1875

On Nov 18, 1875, Fender Mc Kelly led his 30 Rangers across the Rio Grande near Los Cueros going after stolen cattle. They charged into a village mistakenly thought to be the refuge of the thieves and shot down a doz. or more men caught in the streets. A large Mexican force drove the invaders back to the river, & the 2 sides exchanged fire all day. Mc Kelly refused to withdraw even when confronted

with 400 troops gathering to defend Mexican
sovereignty. For 2 days he held his position.
only when the Mexican leader promised to turn
over the stolen herd and the thieves the next
day did McNelly boat his little company
back to TX. As it turned out the Mexicans turned
over, only $\frac{1}{3}$ of cattle & no bonds.